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By: **Delegate Frank**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Stopping or Parking in the Center Lane**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from stopping or parking a vehicle in the
4 center lane of certain roadways except when preparing to make a left turn; and
5 generally relating to vehicle laws and stopping or parking in the center lane.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 21-1003
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Transportation**

14 21-1003.

15 (a) The provisions of this section apply except as necessary to avoid conflict
16 with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or
17 traffic control device.

18 (b) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in front of a public
19 driveway.

20 (c) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a sidewalk.

21 (d) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in an intersection.

22 (e) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a crosswalk.

23 (f) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle between a safety zone and
24 the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the

1 ends of a safety zone, unless the State Highway Administration or local authority
2 indicates a different length by signs or markings.

3 (g) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle alongside or opposite any
4 highway excavation or obstruction if to do so would obstruct traffic.

5 (h) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any bridge or other
6 elevated structure on a highway.

7 (i) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a highway tunnel.

8 (j) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle at any place where
9 stopping is prohibited by an official sign.

10 (k) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any entrance or exit
11 ramp of any highway with two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction.

12 (l) A person may not stand or park a vehicle in front of a private driveway
13 without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises.

14 (m) A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

15 (n) A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 20 feet of a crosswalk at
16 an intersection.

17 (o) A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 30 feet on the approach to
18 any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of
19 a roadway.

20 (p) A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 20 feet of the driveway
21 entrance to any fire station or on the side of a highway opposite the entrance to any
22 fire station within 75 feet of the entrance, if properly signposted.

23 (q) A person may not stand or park a vehicle at any place where standing is
24 prohibited by an official sign.

25 (r) A person may not stand or park a vehicle on the roadway side of any other
26 vehicle that is stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a highway.

27 (s) A person may not stand or park a vehicle on a curve or hill where solid
28 lines on the surface of the roadway indicate a zone in which passing is prohibited.

29 (t) A person may not park a vehicle within 50 feet of the nearest rail in a
30 railroad grade crossing.

31 (u) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle unless for the use of an
32 individual with a disability, in a space or zone marked as restricted for the use of
33 individuals with disabilities.

1 (v) A person may not park a vehicle on any property owned by the Board of
2 Education of Montgomery County or Montgomery College where parking is prohibited
3 by an official sign.

4 (w) A person may not park a vehicle on any property owned by the Board of
5 Education of Baltimore County or the community colleges of Baltimore County where
6 parking is prohibited by an official sign.

7 (x) A person may not park a vehicle on any property owned by the Board of
8 Education of Wicomico County or the community colleges of Wicomico County where
9 parking is prohibited by an official sign.

10 (y) A person may not park a vehicle on any property owned by the Board of
11 Education of Prince George's County where parking is prohibited by an official sign.

12 (z) A person may not park a vehicle on any property owned by the Board of
13 Education of Calvert County, Charles County, or St. Mary's County or the community
14 colleges of Calvert County, Charles County, or St. Mary's County where parking is
15 prohibited by an official sign.

16 (aa) A person may not park a vehicle at any other place where parking is
17 prohibited by an official sign.

18 (bb) A person may not move a vehicle that he does not lawfully control into any
19 prohibited area.

20 (cc) A person may not move a vehicle that the person does not lawfully control
21 away from a curb for an unlawful distance.

22 (dd) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in front of a curb ramp
23 designed for the use of individuals with disabilities.

24 (ee) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in front of or on a
25 passenger loading zone designed or marked for the use of individuals with
26 disabilities.

27 (FF) ON A ROADWAY THAT IS DIVIDED INTO 5 LANES AND THAT PROVIDES FOR
28 TWO-WAY MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC, A PERSON MAY NOT STOP OR PARK A VEHICLE IN
29 THE CENTER LANE EXCEPT WHEN PREPARING TO MAKE A LEFT TURN.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2004.